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## Quick Facts

- The Mentor Walk will attract participants from more than 10 organizations or agencies, including the Boys & Girls Clubs, the "Do the Right Thing" religious groups, a Brownies Troop, St. Anne Catholic School and the Mount Holly United Methodist Church group.
- The two-hour event is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. on the Campus Green, located outside the DiGiorgio Campus Center.



ROCK HILL, S.C. – Nearly 100 elementary, middle and high schoolers will attend an Aug. 24 "stay in school" rally on the Winthrop University campus.

The **Mentor Walk** will attract participants from more than 10 organizations or agencies, including the **Boys & Girls Clubs**, the "Do the Right Thing" religious group, a Brownies Troop, **St. Anne Catholic School** and the **Mount Holly United Methodist Church** group. The two-hour event is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. on the **Campus Green**, located outside the **DiGiorgio Campus Center**.



Laura Foster

Winthrop students – **Ambassadors**, the **Serving Others And Reflecting (SOAR) group**, **Orientation leaders**, peer mentors and spirit squad members - and **Big Stuff** will serve as advisors, tour guides and cheerleaders.

"The walk is about getting youth excited about staying in school and the possibilities that exist if they go to college," said **Laura Foster**, organizer and program director for volunteer and community service with Winthrop's **Center for Career and Civic Engagement**.

Those attending will visit eight sites around Winthrop. They will view a residence hall, the campus center, wellness center, the cafeteria and a greenhouse, and watch a one-act play, science experiments and see the stock exchange ticker.

The **Mentor Walk** will end with participants signing a pledge to stay in school. They will take home a glow-in-the-dark bracelet as a keepsake.

The Mentor Walk is sponsored by Winthrop in partnership with the **Campus Community Partnership Foundation**, which promotes a student centered approach to education and social responsibility. It recognizes the innovative ideas that college students have to solve community problems. It celebrates the best practices of campus community partnerships and organizes the Mentor Walk to motivate students to stay in school and other strategies that positively influence social needs through education and impact the lives of others.

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